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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

The accompanying Japanese patents are cited at pages 4-7 of the specification of the above-identified patent application. The Examiner is referred thereto and to the attached English Abstracts for the required concise explanation of relevance. In addition, the attached U.S. patents are understood to correspond to the attached Laid-Open Japanese

patent applications, except for Laid-Open Japanese Patent Application Nos. 7-152002 and 5-232410; these Japanese patents do not have corresponding U.S. patents.

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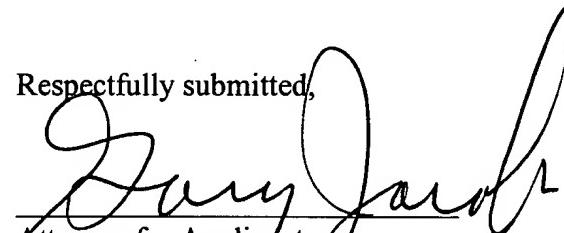
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REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with the next official communication indicating that such information has been considered.

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